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Docket No. 4178/OL166

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hidetoshi FUKUOKA; Nobuaki TAKAHASHI

Serial No: 09/730,706

Examiner: Theresa T. Snider

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Art Unit: 1744

For: **ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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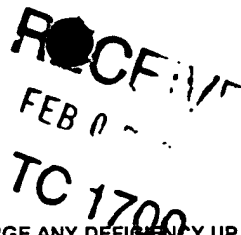
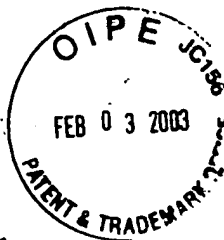
Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

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1. The issue fee in this application (check one):
- ☒ Has not been paid;
- ☐ Has been paid, and this request is accompanied by a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313.
2. This request is accompanied by the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and a submission in the form of (check one):
- ☐ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on .
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- ☒ An amendment of the description, claims or drawings;
- ☐ A Request for Reconsideration containing new arguments;
- ☐ A Request for Reconsideration submitting new evidence of patentability;
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement;
- ☐ Other (specify)
3. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.
(Suspension not to exceed three months).
4. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request.

A check in the amount of \$750 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis J. DelJuidice", is written over a horizontal line.

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